

Privacy of Student Information:

Privacy Policies are in place in all North Vancouver schools to ensure the safety and protection of students.

Please be aware of the following practices:

- Student and family contact email, addresses, and phone numbers are held by staff members, strictly for their use only. Any student information (such as class lists, child or family contact information), cannot be provided to parents by staff members.
- Parents are welcome to photograph and videotape school events. However, please be considerate of child rights and privacy when exchanging, or sharing of student images.

Lunch Break at Queen Mary:

We encourage students to go home for lunch if at all possible. This provides for a change of scenery, exercise, some "down time" with a parent or guardian, and a "home cooked" meal. If your child routinely goes home for lunch, please let the office staff know (in writing) and make sure the classroom teacher is also aware of this routine. Children leaving to go home at lunch must be signed out at the office when they leave and back in at the office when they return. If it is not possible to have your child eat lunch at home, children may eat lunch at school.

Expectations for lunches at school:

- Lunches should be prepared as "ready-to-eat". We encourage "waste-free" lunches and request lunches be packed in re-usable containers (including beverages) to reduce waste and litter. Please do not send "heat & serve" or "add hot water" food items as the school cannot provide for these lunch-making needs.
- Having lunch at school is considered a privilege for students, and as a result, basic rules (e.g. staying in seated while eating, using basic table manners) must be adhered to. If a student has recurring difficulties adhering to the lunchtime rules, the student's parents will be asked to make arrangements for the child to eat lunch at home.
- Students are supervised by Student Education Aides (EAs), Supervision Aides, Office and School Administrators, and Grade 6 and 7 student "monitors", during recesses and lunch breaks.

Queen Mary Dress Code

We request that students come to school dressed in clothing that allows them to get through the day comfortably, while giving consideration to the fact they are in an environment that must remain conducive to learning for all in attendance. This includes dressing so they will be able to keep themselves warm and dry, wearing foot attire that will allow them to play and move throughout the school day safely, and electing to wear clothing that will not offend or distract others.

The following are considered "unacceptable" for school attire:

- Visible undergarments
- Bare midriff, low cut clothing, and very short skirts/shorts
- Clothing bearing "offensive" language, images, or acronyms (i.e., drug, violence, racist, or sexist related messages)

School staff and administration will make a decision as to whether or not a particular clothing item or outfit is unacceptable. In a case where a student's attire is not considered acceptable, the student will be asked to cover up with another piece of clothing. In some cases a parent may be asked to bring suitable clothing to school for the student to change into before the student is permitted to return to class.

PLEASE make sure your child is dressed appropriately for spending recesses and lunch times outside. This means a rain/water resistant coat and rubber boots or "outside" shoes on wet days, and a hat on cool, or very sunny days. At recess students will be expected to go outside rain or shine. On days of "heavy" rain, a PA announcement may, on occasion, be made, asking the students to stay indoors during the noon hour.

Textbooks and Library Books

When textbooks and library books are issued to students, it is with the understanding they will be responsible for the care of the books. We expect normal wear and tear during the year. For books that are damaged or lost, student/parents will be charged the replacement cost. We will make refunds for books that are subsequently found and returned. Matters relating to textbooks and library books must be fully resolved before report cards are issued at the end of June. If a student changes schools, please return library books before the last day of attendance.

No Dogs Allowed on School Grounds - NV Bylaw #5981

Bylaw # 5981 restricts all dogs from being on school property, at any time, in the three North Shore municipalities. Occasionally we have problems with barking dogs frightening children or with dog excrement. Students are always upset when excrement finds its way onto their shoes and teachers are concerned when it gets onto classroom carpets. Please assist us by keeping your pet off school property.